

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A safety mirror for a vehicle having a side mirror, the safety mirror comprising a reflective surface attached to a rear portion of the vehicle by an attachment mechanism, the safety mirror comprising a backup light attached to a rear portion thereof and positioned to direct light rearwardly, the reflective surface facing toward the side mirror such that a driver sees images from an area adjacent a front portion of the vehicle by means of reflections in the safety mirror and the side mirror.
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2. A safety mirror according to claim 1 wherein the reflective surface comprises a convex surface.
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3. A safety mirror according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the attachment mechanism comprises a housing which holds the reflective surface.
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4. A safety mirror according to claim 3 wherein the backup light is attached to a rearward facing portion of the housing.
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5. A safety mirror according to claim 1 or 2 comprising a pivotal connection for attaching the reflective surface to the attachment mechanism.
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6. A safety mirror according to claim 1 wherein the attachment mechanism comprises the backup light attached to an upper rear portion of the vehicle, and wherein the reflective surface is attached to a forward facing portion of the backup light.
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7. A safety mirror according to claim 6 comprising a pivotal connection for attaching the reflective surface to the backup light.